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FOR ICA AND EA

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SCUL, CH, US
SUBJ: VISIT BY USICA REGIONAL LIBRARY OFFICER

1. RECEPTIVITY OF PRC TO OUTSIDE CONTACTS AND DESIRE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FOREIGN COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY US, HAS INCREASED NOTICEABLY IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS. OUR CONTACTS AMONG THE FOREIGN EXPERTS REPORT THAT SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO TEACH ADDITIONAL COURSES ON AMERICAN CULTURE, INCLUDING LITERATURE AND POLITICS. USLO DOES NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO RESPOND ADEQUATELY TO THESE NEW REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ON THE US.

2. AT PRESENT USLO HAS LARGE ROOM WITH 2,000 DONATED PAPERBACK BOOKS AND ABOUT 250 HARDCOVER TITLES INCLUDING A FEW REFERENCE BOOKS. THE DSB-SUPPLIED PERSON, MS. WEN MEI-CHUN, WHO OCCUPIES THE ROOM, IS NOT A TRAINED LIBRARIAN, BUT DOES KNOW SOME ENGLISH. LOCAL WOODEN SHELVES ARE UNSUITED TO LIBRARY USE. BOOKS RECEIVED FROM USICA ARE NOT PROPERLY UTILIZED BECAUSE OF LACK OF SHELF SPACE, CARD CATALOG FILE AND CHECK-OUT
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SYSTEM.

3. WE REQUEST ICA RLO VISIT PEKING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN COMPANY WITH CHIEF LIBRARIAN ICA HONG KONG, AU YEUNG. WE BELIEVE MINIMUM TIME SHOULD BE FIVE WORKING DAYS FOR RLO AND TEN WORKING DAYS FOR AU YEUNG.

4. REQUIREMENTS: ASSIST USLO IN DEFINING PRESENT AND FUTURE INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS, WRITING LIBRARY PROGRAM PLANNING DOCUMENT AND POSITION DESCRIPTIONS, SPACE LAYOUT, DEFINING EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS, ORDERING EQUIPMENT AND ADDITIONAL MATERIALS, INCLUDING AV EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS, PERIODICALS, REFERENCE AND CIRCULATING MATERIALS. ADVICE ON SETTING UP SEPARATE STAFF USE LIBRARY WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED. AU YEUNG WILL BE EXPECTED TO CONCENTRATE ON PRELIMINARY TRAINING OF DSB-SUPPLIED LIBRARIAN, AND SHE SHOULD SEND CHINESE LANGUAGE MATERIALS ON LIBRARY OPERATIONS.

5. USLO HAS BRO-DART (78-79), GAYLORD (77-78) AND IRVING BERLIN (19769 AND DEMCO (77-78) CATALOGS.

6. FOR TAIPEI: PLEASE SEND VIA AIR POUCH NEW ANNOTATED BI-LINGUAL VTR CATALOG, SAMPLE BI-LINGUAL FILM CATALOG PAGES, LIBRARY REGULATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP CARDS, PERIODICAL CATALOG, LATEST FOCUS AND FILM LOAN FORMS, PLUS POSITION DESCRIPTIONS FOR REFERENCE AND CIRCULATION LIBRARIANS.

7. RLO PLEASE ADVISE USLO ON DATES OF AVAILABILITY. IF UNABLE TO COME WITHIN NEXT 60 DAYS, THEN WE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST VISIT BY ECA/FL LIBRARIAN. BECAUSE OF LONG LEADTIME FOR PROCUREMENT, AND GROWING INTEREST IN POTENTIAL USLO LIBRARY ON PART OF THIRD COUNTRY DIPLOMATS AND FOREIGN EXPERTS, WE MUST INITIATE PLANNING, PURCHASING, TRAINING AND OPER-
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